

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. INU-00-2
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**EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO THE  
FACILITATOR'S REPORT ON GROUP 5 ISSUES:  
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SECTION 272, AND TRACK A**

(Issued October 3, 2001)

On February 10, 2000, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order initiating an investigation relating to the possible future entry of U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest), into the interLATA market. The investigation was identified as Docket No. INU-00-2.

The Board considered the concept of a multi-state process for purposes of its review of a Qwest § 271 application, sought comment, and subsequently issued an order dated August 10, 2000, indicating that its initial review of Qwest's compliance with the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 271 would be through participation in a multi-state workshop process. As a part of that process, a facilitator's report was to be released on September 18, 2001, with responses due ten days later. However, the facilitator's report on group 5 issues was released and distributed to the E-mail service list on September 21, 2001, and was not actually filed with the Iowa Utilities Board until September 24, 2001. Thus, any responsive comments would normally be due ten days later, on October 4, 2001.

AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., and AT&T Local Services on behalf of its TCG Affiliates (collectively AT&T) filed a motion for extension of time to respond to the group 5 facilitators report based on an assumption that comments were due on October 1, 2001. AT&T requests an extension to October 5, 2001.

To alleviate any further confusion and to be consistent with other states participating in the multi-state workshop process who have already granted an extension of the filing deadline for comments, the Board will extend the filing of comments on the report filed with the Iowa Utilities Board September 24, 2001 to October 5, 2001.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Those participants wishing to file comments or exceptions addressing the